

HOUSE No. 412

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Improve Educational Services in Small School Districts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE HOUSE, NO. 7 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 61 and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 61. (a) The school committees of
3 two or more towns and/or regional school districts with the approval of the commissioner may
4 form a superintendency union. Said school committees shall employ a union superintendent
5 pursuant to the provisions of section 63 of this chapter and shall employ such other personnel as
6 are deemed necessary to consolidate administrative functions pursuant to the provisions of
7 section 53A of this chapter. (b) The commissioner may require the school committees of two or
8 more towns and/or regional school districts to form a superintendency union when in his
9 judgment such action would consolidate administrative functions and serve to increase the
10 effectiveness and efficiency of educational programs. (c) A superintendency union shall not be
11 dissolved except by vote of the school committees representing a majority of the participating
12 towns and districts and with the consent of the commissioner. (d) The board of education shall
13 promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

14 SECTION 2. Sections sixty-two and sixty-four of said chapter seventy-one are hereby
15 repealed.

16 SECTION 3. This act and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall apply to all
17 superintendency unions established prior to the effective date of this act.